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FM AMEMBASSY ATHENS

TO SECSTATE WASHDC NIACT IMMEDIATE 5607

AMEMBASSY DAMASCUS NIACT IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY BEIRUT NIACT IMMEDIATE

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C O N F I D E N T I A L ATHENS 7289

STUTTGART FOR ELG

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: BEIRUT EVACUATION

A. STATE 177767 (NOTAL) B. STATE 177859 (NOTAL),

C. BEIRUT 6387 (181424Z JUL 76)

1. WE ARE WORKING WITH ATHENS AIRPORT OFFICIALS
TO FACILITATE ARRIVAL PROCESSING AND OTHER FORMALITIES
FOR EVACUEES WHO WILL ARRIVE ON ONA CHARTER. AIRCRAFT
WILL HAVE TO DISEMBARK PASSENGERS ON COMMERCIAL SIDE
RATHER THAN MILITARY SIDE. WE PLAN TO DO RE-
QUIRED PROCESSING IN SEPARATE SECTION OF TERMINAL.

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2. IT WOULD HELP US GREATLY IF DAMASCUS COULD EN-

SURE THAT EACH EVACUEE HAS ONE OPTIONAL FORM 28 AND GREEK LANDING CARD ON BOARDING AIRCRAFT, TO BE FILLED OUT EN ROUTE TO ATHENS. ON ARRIVAL IN ATHENS, WE WILL PROVIDE HOTEL REFERRAL SERVICE FOR ALL, AND TRANSPORTATION TO HOTEL FOR USG EMPLOYEES ONLY. PASSENGERS SHOULD BE TOLD THAT PORTER FEES AND TAXI FARES ARE REASONABLE AND THAT BANK-OPERATED CURRENCY EXCHANGE FACILITIES ARE AVAILABLE AT ATHENS AIRPORT. GIVEN GOG DECISION TO USE COMMERCIAL/CIVILIAN SIDE OF AIRPORT, WE ARE UNABLE TO PROVIDE THESE SERVICES, AS WE HAD PLANNED TO DO. U.S. AND REPRESENTATIVES FROM OTHER EMBASSIES/CONSULATES WILL BE AT AIRPORT TO ASSIST.

3. FOR BEIRUT AND DAMASCUS:

- A. ARE ANY EVACUEES TRAVELING WITHOUT PASSPORT? B.
- B. ARE THERE ANY MEDICAL PROBLEMS AMONG EVACUEES?

PROCESSING THROUGH ATHENS TERMINAL INVOLVES FAIR AMOUNT OF STEP CLIMBING AND WALKING.

4. FOR DEPARTMENT: WE ASSUME THAT ONA IS OBTAINING GREEK LANDING CLEARANCES. IF NOT, WE URGENTLY REQUIRE DATA TO REQUEST CLEARANCE.

5. FOR USCINCEUR AND CINCUSAFE: 7206 AIR BASE GROUP OFFERED TO ASSIST AS IN THE PAST. CHANGE OF VENUE UNFORTUNATELY RULES OUT THEIR PARTICIPATION. WE APPRECIATE THEIR OFFER.
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